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MINUTES

OF THE

Tippah

Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

Hickory Flat Baptist Church,

BENTON COUNTY, MISS.

Sept. 1-3, 1898.

OF THE

Hickory Flat Baptist Church

GAZETTE BOOK AND JOB OFFICE
NEW ALBANY, MISS.

OFFICERS.

ELD. W. E. BERRY, Blue Mountain, Miss., Moderator.
H. H. RAY, Jonesboro, " Treasurer.
J. W. CRUMP, Pine Grove, " Clerk.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

ELD. W. E. BERRY, Chairman.

ELD. ST. CLAIR LAWRENCE, ELD. L. F. CARMICHAEL
S. JOE OWEN, A. L. COLLINS,
A. A. GRAHAM, H. H. RAY, J. W. CRUMP.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Call for Petitionary Letters.
2. Read Constitution, Abstract of Faith and Rules of Decorum.
3. Select next place of meeting and preacher to preach Associational Sermon.
4. Appoint Committees.
5. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
6. Appoint Correspondents.
7. Call for Reports
8. Elect Executive Board.
9. Miscellaneous Business.
10. Call Roll and mark absentees.

NEXT SESSION.

ill be held with Ashland church, beginning on Thursday before the First Sunday in September, 1899. The Associational Sermon will be preached by Eld. M. Gillian, with Eld. J. P. Horton, alternate.

Minutes.

The Tippah Baptist Association met in its 36th annual session with Hickory Flat Church September 1st, 1898. The Associational Sermon was preached by the Moderator, Eld. W. E. Berry, from the 22d verse 15th chapter 1st Samuel, after introductory exercises conducted by Eld. M. Gillian. The theme of the discourse was *Obedience*. Prayer by Eld. A. V. Rowe. Adjourned for refreshments to 1:30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION, 1:30 P. M.

The Association was called together by singing. The Moderator read a lesson from the 25th chap. Matthew; prayer by Eld. H. M. Long. Brethren J. P. Byrd and J. A. Norriss were selected as reading clerks. Letters were then read and delegates seated from the following churches: Academy, Ashland, Bethlehem, Blue Mountain, Bluff Springs, Canaan, Chewalla, Curtis Creek, Falkner, Fellowship, Flat Rock, Friendship, Guyton, Harmony, Hickory Flat, Lebanon, Mount Olive, New Hope, New Prospect, New Macedonia, Oak Grove, Oaklimeter, Pine Grove, Pleasant Hill (B), Providence, Ripley, Shady Grove (T), Shady Grove (U).

Proceeded to permanent organization by electing Moderator, Treasurer and Clerk. Elds. W. M. Gadd and H. M. Long acted as tellers. Eld. W. E. Berry was re-elected moderator, H. H. Ray was re-elected treasurer and J. W. Crump was re-elected clerk.

The Order of Business found in minutes of last year was adopted for this session.

Called for petitionary letters.

Called for and heard reading of Constitution, Abstract of Faith and Rules of Decorum.

Selected place for next meeting of this body resulted in selecting

Ashland Church as the place and Eld. M. Gillian, with Eld. J. P. Horton alternate, to preach Associational Sermon.

The Moderator then announced the following committees:

ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS—E. T. Doyle, Eld. D. C. West, Danl. Gardner, J. J. Hudspeth.

STATE MISSIONS—Eld. J. P. Horton, Wm. Simpson, J. S. Gillentine, Will Orman.

DEVOTION—Deacons of this church, with J. A. Cox, J. S. King, W. F. Holliday.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Eld. M. Gillian, J. R. Wilbanks, Joe Wesson J. A. Norriss.

HOME MISSION—Elds B. R. Hughey, W. D. Lancaster, with S. W. Pierce, S. A. Godwin.

EDUCATION—Eld. J. A. Autry, Robert S. Hale, Thos. White, Daniel Barger, St. Clair Lawrence.

PUBLICATIONS—Elds. St. Clair Lawrence, J. T. Cox, W. J. Gresham, Z. Smith.

FINANCE—L. M. Bynum, T. H. Gunter, H. G. Duke.

STATE OF RELIGION—A. L. Collins, M. J. Graves, Eld. P. W. Caviniss.

TEMPERANCE—A. J. McIntyre, J. F. Guyton, W. T. Crump, J. R. McInturff.

SUSTENTATION—A. A. Graham, R. E. Crawford, S. O. Welch, J. A. Griffin.

ORPHANAGE—Eld. W. G. Thompson, J. O. Knox, C. A. Baker, B. A. Kitchen.

Invited visiting brethren to seats.

Recognized Eld. A. V. Rowe, Sec. State Convention Board; Eld. H. M. Long, representing Baptist Record; Eld. W. M. Gadd; Dr. W. C. Gillen, H. S. Rochester, J. F. Boatner from Chickasaw Association.

Appointed correspondents by adopting the resolution of last year making any member of this body, in good standing, who shall be present at the meetings of any other body with which we correspond, a messenger to said body.

Elected W. E. Berry, with B. G. Lowrey alternate, delegate to Southern Baptist Convention.

Adjourned to 8 o'clock this evening; prayer by Eld. W. M. Gadd.

NIGHT SESSION, 8 P. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, Moderator in the

chair who read a selection from 14th chapter John; prayer by Eld. St. Clair Lawrence.

Called for Report on State Missions which was read by Eld. J. P. Horton and after discussion by Eld. A. V. Rowe was adopted:

STATE MISSIONS.—All of our work this Conventional year has been done under difficulties; but perhaps no department of our work has suffered more than that of State missions. The epidemic not only made it difficult to collect funds, but its appearance at some of our stations, and its proximity to others, greatly hindered the work at a time when it needed vigorous prosecution. Yet in spite of discouragement there has been much done and we have great cause for thanksgiving to God.

During the year there have been eighty-eight missionaries in the employment of the State Board. A brief summary of their work is as follows;

Number of Stations.....	131	Sermons preached.....	4280
Families visited.....	4750	Number baptized.....	426
Number baptized, where.....		Missionaries labored.....	520
Received by letter.....	446	Received by restoration..	65
Churches organized.....	7	Sunday schools organized	36
Collected for Missions.....	\$1100	Houses of worship begun	17
Houses of worship finished...	4		
Amount expended for houses of worship.....	\$8000		

We would urge that the request of our board, through its Secretary, for enlarged contributions be earnestly heeded by all the pastors and churches. There is much for us to do. We must hold the strategic point already occupied by the missionaries, and be ready also to take and hold other important points. There are fields to be occupied in every section of the State; but we would call special attention to the two great mission sections, the Delta and the Coast country. The work in both sections will be necessarily slow, but the time will come if we are faithful to our trust when these fields will be fruitful to the Lord.

We commend our Secretary, Rev. A. V. Rowe, to the earnest support of the brethren throughout the State. Let our motto be, more contributors, larger contributions, and more concentrated and consecrated effort all along the line until our beloved Mississippi has been won to Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. HORTON,
WM SIMPSON,
J. S. GILLEN, TINE,
WILL ORMAN,

} Committee.

This report is taken largely from State Convention Minutes.

Adjourned to 8:30 o'clock to-morrow morning; prayer by W. L. Souter.

SECOND DAY SEPT. 2D, MORNING SESSION, 8:30 A. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, Moderator in the chair, being called together by singing "Come, thou Fount of every blessing."

The Moderator then read a selection from 37th Psalm; prayer by Eld. D. C. West. Half hour was spent in devotional exercise.

Minutes of yesterday were read, corrected and approved.

Letter was read from Beulah church and delegates seated

Recognized as messengers from Chickasaw Assoc't'n W. L. Souter, J. B. Rogers, J. E. Coltharp, T. Garrison; from Judson, J. A. Williams; from Holly Springs (col.), Jas. Ayers; from Pontotoc (col.), R. Shannon, G. W. Norton; from Cherokee, Ala., J. W. Lackey.

The report on Education was read by Eld. J. A. Autry, discussed by himself and Eld. W. E. Berry. Pending this discussion took up a collection for Eld. J. R. Nutt amounting to \$10 85. Adjourned for preaching to 1:30 p. m. Preaching by Eld. H. M. Long; text, part of 11th verse 12th chapter Romans: "Serving the Lord." Prayer by Dr. W. C. Gillen.

EVENING SESSION, 1:30 P. M.

The Association was called together by singing; prayer by Eld. W. G. Thompson. Resumed discussion of report on Education by Eld. St. Clair Lawrence, which report was recommitted.

The report of Executive Board was read by the chairman, Eld. W. E. Berry, and after discussion by himself and St. Clair Lawrence was adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Dear Brethren—Immediately after the meeting of the last Association we arranged for two meetings to be held in different parts of our bounds, embracing the 5th Sunday in October; but before the time came the yellow fever excitement and the rigid quarantine regulations defeated our plans. A few brethren met at the time appointed, but the programs were not carried out. On account of the demoralized condition of affairs your Board did not think it best to undertake any new work. Some members of the Board visited a few of the churches in the interest of our mission work and were cordially received. In several instances the contributions in cash and subscriptions surpassed the amount apportioned by the last Association. We are still co-operating with the State Board and respectfully recommend that the Association accept the apportionment made by the last State Convention. We are asked to raise \$1,025 for all purposes

In order to meet this we respectfully ask the churches to endeavor to raise the amounts suggested.

Academy,	\$ 25,00	Ashland,	\$ 30,00	Bethlehem,	\$ 10,00
Blue Mountain	25,00	Beulah,	32,00	Bluff Springs,	10,00
Canaan,	25,00	Chewalla,	10,00	Clear Creek,	10,00
Curtis Creek,	10,00	Falkner,	10,00	Fellowship,	15,00
Flat Rock,	20,00	Guyton,	15,00	Friendship,	5,00
Harmony,	15,00	Hick'ry Flat	15,00	Lebanon,	10,00
Mt. Moriah,	10,00	Mt. Olive,	10,00	New Bethel,	7,50
New Hope,	10,00	New Prosp't	7,50	New Mac'd'n'a	10,00
Oaklimeter,	7,50	Oak Grove,	5,00	Pine Grove,	15,00
Providence,	25,00	P. Hill, B.	10,00	P. Hill, T.	10,00
Ripley,	50,00	Sh'dy Gr'v'e T	15,00	Sh'dy Gr'v'e U	5,00
		Unity,	25,00	Union	5,00

We most respectfully urge the pastors to try to raise the amount asked for from their respective churches. We recommend that the collections be taken quarterly.

Your Board agreed to help the feeble church at Oak Grove to the amount of \$22,00 for the past year. Respectfully submitted,

W. E. BERRY, Chairman.

Report on Foreign Missions was read by Eld. M. Gillian, discussed by himself Eld. H. M. Long and adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS—The subject of Foreign Missions is one of paramount interest, because it is that which should interest every true believer in the Lord Jesus Christ. The Savior came into the world on a mission of love and mercy. He came as the embodied love of God, full of grace and truth. "He came to seek and to save that which was lost." He rendered perfect obedience to the will of his Father in Heaven, and said, "I have glorified Thee on the earth and finished the work Thou gavest me to do." So, when the blessed Savior finished his mission on earth he handed it down to his disciples and said, "Go ye into all the world and preach my gospel to every creature." So they went at the Master's bidding, prosecuting the work assigned them, feeling as every true christian should feel, that they held in their hands "the bread of eternal life," and could not refrain from breaking this bread and giving to those who had it not. So, my brethren, the heathen is in darkness; give him light; he is perishing, "give ye them to eat." Respectfully submitted,

M. GILLIAN	} Committee.
JOE WESSON	
J. R. WILBANKS	

The report on Sunday Schools was read by E. T. Doyle and after discussion by Elds. B. R. Hughey and W. D. Lancaster, was adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS—This is the training department of all church work. None too old, none too young to learn in this training department. This work is in obedience to the command given, "teach these things unto your children." Solomon, along this line, says, "train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." The Apostle Paul, the great apostle to the Gentiles, speaking in reference to this training, admonishes us to train up our children in "the nurture and admonition of the Lord." Hence, brethren, this work is committed to our hand and should receive a great deal of our labor and attention, serving the Lord. Let our motto be "A Sunday school in every church in the Tippah Association."

Respectfully submitted,

E. T. DOYLE

J. J. HUDSPETH

D. C. WEST

} Committee.

Report on Publications was read by Eld. St. Clair Lawrence, spoken to by himself, Elds. W. E. Berry, W. D. Lancaster, J. N. McMillin, W. M. Gadd, A. A. Graham and adopted.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS—Ours is a reading age. There is an increasing hungering among our people, the young people especially, for literature. This feeling is so intense that they are ready to devour everything that comes in their way, good or bad, in the world of letters. Reading is educative to a degree very rarely considered. The schools and colleges are insignificant, as an educational power, compared with books, periodicals and newspapers. Sensational literature is the "chicken-pie" for which the average youth is hungering, and especially when spiced with a heavy sprinkling of love romance. Such reading largely indulged brings the higher impulses of the youth of the land to the lower, hence the criminal news of a single week in some of our dailies, make an awful showing of youthful depravity. Many a boy or girl of excellent promise, influenced by such reading, has been led astray from the path of virtue and religion.

How important then that christian parents should provide good reading for their children, who are being educated, whether at home or at school, by the books, tracts and newspapers which are placed before them. Let us encourage then such institutions as the Baptist Publication Societies, the Sunday school literature of our Southern Baptist Convention, our Baptist State denominational organ, The Baptist, published at Jackson, and see to it that a good Baptist paper and all pure reading necessary, be furnished our children for mind-food and moral and christian strengthening and development.

ST. CLAIR LAWRENCE, Chairman.

J. T. COX, W. J. GRISHAM, Z. SMITH.

Recognized Eld. J. N. McMillin as a visitor from Aberdeen Association.

There was a motion and second to grant leave of absence to all who feel that it is the Lord's will that they leave.

Adjourned to 8:30 a. m. to-morrow; prayer by Eld. J. A. Autry.

Preaching at night by Eld. J. N. McMillin.

THIRD DAY, SEPT. 3RD.—MORNING SESSION, 8:30 A. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Eld. L. P. Cossett read a lesson from 95th Psalm; prayer by Eld. W. M. Gadd.

Minutes of yesterday were read, corrected and approved. A letter was read from Union church.

The report on Temperance was read by A. J. McIntyre, discussed by himself, Elds. W. E. Berry, B. R. Hughey, W. D. Lancaster, J. A. Williams, W. L. Souther, E. T. Doyle and adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.—Your committee on Temperance would respectfully submit the following: The position of Mississippi Baptists is well understood upon this subject, and has been for many years, and it was largely through their efforts that the sale of intoxicating liquors in the State has almost been prohibited. Under our present local option law no saloon can be licensed without the sanction of the people and it rests with them to say whether or not they will have saloons; the responsibility rests where it should. We have no licensed saloon within the bounds of Tippah Association, yet we have the "blind tiger" which is backed by a perverted public sentiment that not only tolerates but sympathizes with them, and being thus backed and aided, they are hard to reach, and then, too, we have so many church members who haven't the moral courage to throw themselves in the breach and stop the sale of the vile stuff; hence we find that the courts are almost powerless to do anything. Another great drawback to the temperance movement is a conflict between the Federal and our local option laws. We have succeeded so admirably in obtaining state laws we should go a step higher and secure national laws that are in harmony with the christian sentiment, and that will not license the sale of intoxicating liquors except where the State and people want it. This work, like that already accomplished, must be done by educating the people up to the point of intolerance of the "blind tiger," and, in our judgment there are no people better fitted for this work than Mississippi Baptists.

A. J. McINTYRE,

J. R. McINTYRE.

The report on Sustentation was read by R. E. Crawford, after discussion by Eld. W. E. Berry, a collection was taken up for said purpose amounting to \$6.25, and report then adopted.

REPORT ON SUSTENTATION.—We, your Committee on Sustentation, beg to submit the following report: Inasmuch as we have, within the bounds of our own Association, and throughout the bounds of our State Board, numbers of diseased and aged ministers who have been a power for good in their day, and have sacrificed much for the cause of Christ and humanity, and are now unable to provide for themselves and dependent ones, we urge the churches of this Association to see that all such are provided for. We further recommend that where you have no such dependent ones in your church that you send such amounts as you can to A. V. Rowe, Winona, Miss., to be used by him where most needed. We suggest, further, that a collection be taken at this meeting of the Association for this fund to be sent to Dr. Rowe.

Respectfully submitted,

A. A. GRAHAM,
R. E. CRAWFORD,
S. O. WELCH,
J. A. GRIFFIN,

Committee

The report on State of Religion was read by A. L. Collins, spoken to by himself, Eld. W. D. Lancaster and adopted.

STATE OF RELIGION.—The state of religion in our Association, in our churches, in our families and in ourselves as well. We should see to it that our people hold to the Bible doctrines and its teachings. In charity, in faith, in good works, with brotherly love one toward another, for this is but our duty. We should hold tenaciously to the apostle's doctrines, ever insisting on a truly regenerated membership, for it is from this class of those who profess to be children of our King that we must expect the further progress of Christ's kingdom on earth; for, says Christ, "My sheep hear My voice and they follow Me." There are many 'isms' among us saying to us, 'this is the way,' and if it were possible, deceive the very elect, thus fulfilling the language of Christ. Brethren, we have made rapid strides in the propagation of God's word but there remains yet much to be accomplished; so let us put our shoulders to the work and push it to the fullest of ability, ever demanding that our membership shall have truly repented of their sins and accepted Christ as their personal Savior.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. COLLINS,
M. J. GRAVES,
P. W. CAVINESS,

Committee.

The report on Education, which was recommitted yesterday, was called for and read by Eld. St. Clair Lawrence, spoken to by Elds. J. A. Autry, W. D. Lancaster, St. Clair Lawrence, H. H. Ray, and adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.—Brethren, the education that should be, if not already, the theme that is nearest our hearts is that which enables us to judge rightly between truth and error, that not only forms but develops a vigorous mind, that fits and prepares the heart for the reception of God's grace and in connection therewith establishes right laws and principles for life. The educational demands of our times calls for better public schools and therefore for better men and women as teachers. But we note with pleasure that our schools and teachers are preparing to meet this demand.

To Mississippians especially we recommend Mississippi College, which now has as president, one of the brightest jewels that has ever beautified the bosom of the South, our beloved Dr. W. T. Lowrey. We also recommend to our preachers seeking a higher standard, our Theological Seminary at Louisville. In our own Association we have our Blue Mountain Female College for our girls, a school of which we cannot say enough in commendation.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. AUTRY,
THOS. WHITE,
R. F. HALE,
DANIEL BARGER,
ST. CLAIR LAWRENCE,

Committee.

The report on Home Missions was read by Eld. B. R. Bughey and after discussion by Elds. W. E. Berry and W. D. Lancaster was adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.—We rejoice to know of the great work of our Home Board. They expended on the field this year \$54,251.04 against \$45,671.82 last year. There has been collected and expended in building houses of worship on the field this year \$56,385.46 against \$51,540 last year, making amount raised in the field of \$110,636.50 against \$97,211.82, an increase of \$13,424.68. So we see from these figures that the work is growing, and needs to grow more and more, as God has opened a door for us to enter.

Your committee would most earnestly request all eyes and hearts to turn to Cuba, for Christ should be the cry all along the line.

B. R. HUGHEY,
S. W. PIERCE,
S. A. GODWIN,
W. D. LANCASTER,

Committee.

The report on the Baptist Orphanage was read by Eld. W. G. Thompson, spoken to by himself, Eld. B. R. Hughey and adopted. Took up a collection for said purpose amounting to \$8.30.

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.—We, your committee, beg leave to report the following: This home is located in Jackson, Miss., was

regularly incorporated four years ago under the laws of the State with L. S. Foster and others as a board of Trustees. Bro. Foster is president and superintendent of the home. The prime object of the home is that every destitute white orphan in the State, who shall apply, may be given a home, whatever may have been the faith of their parents. In May, 1897, the Orphanage opened in a rented house, not having one of its own, though it owned 112 acres of land. 27 orphans have been matriculated; some have been taken into good homes; 21 are still maintained in the home. Besides the 112 acres of land in fine state of cultivation, being paid for as our property, we have now a neat cottage of 6 rooms, painted and finished, paid for, worth \$1,500; the land can be sold for \$7,000; a printing outfit worth at least \$1,000, all free of debt. The Lord is with us giving these children bread in answer to prayer. Let us remember that God has, with these equipments, put upon us a great responsibility. A door is thus open for us to prove our obligation. "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."

W. G. THOMPSON,
C. A. BAKER,
J. O. KNOX,
B. A. KITCHENS, } Committee.

The report on Finance was read by L. M. Bynum and adopted.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Academy.....	\$ 1.25	Ashland.....	\$ 1.00
Bethlehem.....	75	Beulah.....	50
Blue Mountain.....	3.00	Bluff Springs.....	1.15
Canaan.....	1.00	Chewalla.....	60
Curtis Creek.....	40	Clear Creek.....	
Falkner.....	1.20	Fellowship.....	1.80
Flat Rock.....	3.85	Friendship.....	40
Guyton.....	80	Harmony.....	85
Hickory Flat.....	75	Lebanon.....	80
Mount Moriah.....		Mt. Olive.....	70
New Hope.....	50	New Prospect.....	1.00
New Macedonia.....	1.30	Oaklimeter.....	70
Oak Grove.....	30	Pine Grove.....	65
Pleasant Hill (T).....		Pleasant Hill (B).....	1.00
Providence.....	60	Ripley.....	2.00
Shady Grove (T).....	1.25	Shady Grove (U).....	45
Union.....	2.00	Unity.....	1.00
Total.....			\$ 31.57

Respectfully submitted,
L. M. BYNUM,
J. C. MARTIN, } Committee,
H. G. DUKE,

The Treasurer's report was then read and approved.

Treasurer's Report.

H. H. Ray, Treasurer, in account with Tippah Baptist Association for the year 1897-8.

		Dr.
To cash on hand last report.....	\$	10.50
“ “ from Ashland church.....		12.21
“ “ “ Academy “.....		20.00
“ “ “ Blue Mt'n “.....		277.86
“ “ “ Beulah “.....		22.50
“ “ “ Bluff Springs church.....		7.65
“ “ “ Bethlehem “.....		5.00
“ “ “ Canaan “.....		12.00
“ “ “ Chewalla “.....		6.40
“ “ “ Curtis Creek “.....		1.75
“ “ “ Clear Creek “.....		
“ “ “ Falkner “.....		2.85
“ “ “ Fellowship “.....		7.75
“ “ “ Flat Rock “.....		8.85
“ “ “ Friendship “.....		2.00
“ “ “ Guyton “.....		10.00
“ “ “ Hickory Flat “.....		4.20
“ “ “ Lebanon “.....		3.65
“ “ “ Oaklimer “.....		1.00
“ “ “ Mt. Moriah “.....		.25
“ “ “ Mt. Olive “.....		3.65
“ “ “ New Macédonia “.....		12.25
“ “ “ New Prospect “.....		1.00
“ “ “ New Hope “.....		2.00
“ “ “ Pine Grove “.....		6.90
“ “ “ Providence “.....		15.50
“ “ “ Pleasant Hill (B) “.....		7.00
“ “ “ Pleasant Hill (T) “.....		
“ “ “ Ripley “.....		47.50
“ “ “ Shady Grove “.....		5.75
“ “ “ Unity “.....		12.06
“ “ “ Union “.....		40.08
“ “ “ W. M. So. Blue Mountain.....		9.45
“ “ collected for Bro. Nutt.....		10.85
“ “ “ “ Sustentation.....		6.85
“ “ “ “ Orphanage.....		8.40
“ “ from W. E. Berry.....		1.90
Total received.....		\$607.63

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1897		
Oct. 15	By check to A. V. Rowe.....	\$ 83.05
" 17	" cash to " ".....	1.00
1898		
Jan'y. 5	" check to " ".....	12.15
Mar. 15	" " " ".....	7.25
" 22	" " " ".....	18.00
April 3	" " " ".....	34.60
" 11	" cash to T. J. Baily.....	160.91
" 22	" check to A. V. Rowe.....	27.10
" 26	" " " ".....	17.86
May 20	" " " ".....	22.35
June 24	" " " ".....	32.50
" 30	" " " ".....	8.50
July 1	" cash to W. T. Lowrey.....	3.00
	" forwarded to L. S. Foster.....	9.93
	" " through J. C. Swaim, F. M.....	22.15
Sept. 2	" " to A. V. Rowe.....	92.00
	" " forwarded by B. R. Hughey, F. M.....	9.00
	" " to Eld. W. D. Lancaster.....	6.85
	Total disbursements.....	\$568.20
Sept. 3	" cash on hand to balance.....	39.43
	Grand total.....	\$607.63

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. RAY, Treasurer.

The old Executive Board was re-elected by acclamation.

Miscellaneous Business.

It was decided that we co-operate with the Baptist Historical Society of the State. Eld. St. Clair Lawrence was requested to write up the history of this Association, and he is to be remunerated for same by the Executive Board of this body.

The following Resolutions were unanimously adopted:

1 The thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered the Moderator, Treasurer and Clerk for faithful services rendered, and the Clerk is to receive \$10 of minute money for his labors.

2 That we extend thanks to the people of Hickory Flat and community for their kind hospitality during the sitting of this body.

The roll was called and absentees marked.

Minutes of the day were read and approved.

Adjourned for preaching by Eld. B. R. Hughey from selection from 3rd chapter 1st Corinthian, at the conclusion of which joined in singing, "How firm a foundation," and extended to each other the parting hand. The closing prayer was offered by Eld. St. Clair Lawrence.

ELD. W. E. BERRY, Moderator.

J. W. CRUMP, Clerk.

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Ordained Ministers.

NAMES.	POSTOFFICE.
J. A. Autry	Pine Grove, Miss.
J. S. Berry	Blue Mountain "
W. E. Berry	" "
W. C. Barnes	Hickory Elat "
L. F. Carmichael	Mitchell "
W. P. Caviness	Falkner "
L. P. Cossitt	Blue Mountain "
J. T. Cox	Hickory Flat "
E. S. Eubanks	Jonesboro "
R. E. Fowler	Myrtle "
J. P. Horton	Ashland "
B. R. Hughey	Chalybeate "
W. F. Jeffrey	Walnut "
M. Gillian	Ashland "
W. D. Lancaster	Jonesboro "
St. Clair Lawrence	Blue Mountain "
H. F. Lipford	Ashland "
W. T. Lowrey	Blue Mountain "
J. D. Morton	Tippah "
J. R. Nutt	Kyle "
Joseph Pearce	Ripley "
H. B. Russum	Canaan "
C. N. Richardson	Silver Springs "
J. C. Swaim	Ripley "
W. G. Thompson	Blue Mountain "
D. C. West	Ashland "
H. L. Whitten	Ripley "
A. C. Vandiver	Mitchell "
A. J. R. Wilbanks	Jonesboro, "
J. Frank Ray	Jackson, Tenn.

Licentiates.

A. W. Bynum	Canaan Miss.
S. H. Flake	Walnut "
G. H. Miller	Ashland "
C. L. McNinch	Michigan City "
J. H. McDowell	Ripley "

Constitution.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be called the Tippah Baptist Association.

ART. 2. It shall be composed of persons who have been duly elected delegates by the respective churches belonging to this union. The Moderator, Clerk and Executive Board shall be officio members of the next session.

ART. 3. The delegates representing the different churches shall, at the opening of each Association, present the letters specifying their appointments and also showing the number baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excluded restored and dead, during the year with the whole number in fellowship.

ART. 4 Every church belonging to this body shall be entitled to three delegates until they number 50 members, and then one for each 50 over that number.

ART. 5 Churches of this union failing to represent themselves for three successive meetings shall be considered as dropped by this Association.

ART. 6 New churches may be admitted into this body, signifying their wishes by letter and delegates, provided these be orthodox and are willing to walk in fellowship with us.

ART. 7 This Association shall have a Moderator, Treasurer and Clerk, who shall be chosen at each annual meeting (by private ballot) so soon as the letters from the churches are read and members names enrolled.

ART. 8 This body shall have no power to adopt rules that shall infringe upon the independence and rights of churches, yet it may drop such churches as may become disorderly, either in doctrine or discipline.

ART. 9 This body shall have a fund for its expenses, and churches may send up funds for Domestic and Foreign Missions, or for the Bible cause. This Association will take charge of such funds and appropriate them as designated by the churches.

ART. 10 If any church have a difficulty with another church, we advise them to take steps laid down in the 18th chapter of Matthew, and no difficulty between churches shall be entertained by this body unless such steps have been taken.

ART. 11 When churches of this union have gifts which they worthy of ordination, we advise them to call on sister churches for two or more ministers to set apart such gifts to the work of the gospel ministry, according to the New Testament, and we advise all presbyteries in the ordination of ministers and deacons and constitution of churches, to be governed by the abstract of principles of this Association.

ART. 12 This Association shall correspond with sister Associations of the same faith and order.

ART. 13 The minutes of this body shall be read, corrected and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the session rises. No session shall adjourn, unless in extraordinary cases, until it has finished all its business.

ART. 14. The Association shall have an Executive Board, consisting of the Treasurer, Clerk and six other members, who shall be chosen annually.

ART. 15. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting by majority of two-thirds of the members present.

Abstract of Faith.

1. We believe in only one living and true God; the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are one.

2. We believe the Bible to be the Word of God, and it is our only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the total depravity of human nature, and that man is dead in trespasses and in sin.

4. We believe that salvation is the gift of God by grace, through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and that sinners are justified in the sight of God alone by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, which is unto and with them that believe.

5. We believe in the doctrine of election that God has from the beginning chosen us to salvation through sanctification of the spirit and belief of the truth.

6. We believe that the Holy Spirit accompanies the Word of God in the salvation of man, in answer to prayer of Christians.

7. We believe in the final preservation of the saints, and that all who truly believe shall be eternally saved.

8. We believe in baptism by immersion alone, and that none but true believers are proper subjects of the ordinance, and that none but regularly baptized and ordained ministers have a right to administer it, and that it is a pre-requisite to the Lord's Supper, and that all who come to the Lord's table must come according to the Lord's Word.

9. We believe that a gospel church is a band of true believers in Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon a profession of their faith in Him, and that there are but two officers in the church, the Elder or Pastor and the Deacon.

10. We believe it to be the duty of each church to extend and circulate the Word of God as far as their means will enable them to do.

11. We believe in the resurrection of the bodies of men, and in a future and general judgment, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked shall be eternal.

Rules of Decorum.

1. The Association shall be opened by prayer.
2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the members present by private ballot.
3. The Moderator shall be considered the judge of order, but any member not satisfied with his decision may appeal, provided the appeal be made on the same day, but at no subsequent time.
4. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as other members, but shall not vote unless his vote be necessary to decide the question. If he rises to speak, he shall call some brother to take the chair.
5. All questions brought before the Association shall be introduced by motion. When a subject has been taken up and a reasonable time allowed for discussion, the Moderator shall call for a vote, and if a call for a division be made, it shall be decided by the members rising.
6. Any member desiring to speak shall rise and address the Moderator. Only one member will be allowed to speak at a time, who shall not be interrupted while speaking unless he depart from the subject or make personal reflections.
7. No person shall speak more than once upon any subject until all who wish to speak shall have had an opportunity, nor more than twice upon any subject without permission.
8. All subjects introduced for discussion shall be disposed of before another shall be offered, unless it be laid over by motion, with the consent of the mover and the Association.
9. This Association shall in all cases be governed by a majority of the members present, except in reception of churches, then a unanimous vote shall be required. But in no case shall one member or church prevent the reception of a church without cause shown, which shall be determined by a majority.
10. The names of members shall be called when the Association shall direct and absentees marked. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission of the Moderator.
11. The appellation of "Brother" shall be used in addressing each other and only Scripture titles in our minutes.
12. Any member violating these rules shall be subject to reproof by the Moderator, but only on the day that the breach shall have been made.
13. Amendments or alterations may be made to these rules when a majority may deem it necessary.

CONTRIBUTION OF CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Ministerial Education.	Home Church Expenses.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Sunday School Expenses.	Total.
Academy	\$ 72.50		\$ 20.00				\$ 92.50
Ashland.....	84.00		20.00	\$13.21			117.21
Bethlehem				2.50	\$ 2.50		5.00
Buelah.	75.00			22.00			97.00
Blue Mountain....	400.00	\$ 16.50	408.94	82.50	186.45		1164.39
Bluff Springs.....				3.20	3.20		6.40
Canaan.....	50.00						50.00
Chewalla.....	16.50			6.40			22.90
Clear Creek.....							
Curtis Creek.....							
Falkner.....	50.00		3.65	2.60		1.75	56.25
Fellowship.....							
Flat Rock.....				8.85			8.85
Friendship.....				2.00			2.00
Guyton.....	50.00						50.00
Harmony.....							
Hickory Flat.....	100.00		20.00		4.20		124.20
Lebanon.....				3.65			3.65
Mt. Moriah.....							
Mt. Olive.....				3.64			3.65
New Hope.....				2.00			2.00
New Macedonia....	35.00			7.00	5.00		47.00
New Prospect.....							
Oaklimeter.....				.50	.50		1.00
Oak Grove.....	22.00						22.00
Pine Grove.....				6.90			6.90
Pleasant Hill, (T).							
Pleasant Hill, (B).				7.00			7.00
Providence.....	100.00		15.50				115.50
Ripley.....	200.00		22.50	47.50		10.58	280.58
Shady Grove, (T).							
Shady Grove, (U).							
Union.....	100.00		14.43	30.15			144.58
Unity.							
Totals.....	1355.00	16.50	525.02	51.81	203.10	10.58	2432.31

STATISTICAL TABLE.

No.	CHURCHES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.
1	Academy.....	W. T. Holliday.
2	Ashland, <i>a</i>	R. E. Crawford, J. P. Horton.
3	Bethlehem.....	J. A. Cox, Rufus Stroup, Pink Stroup.
4	Buelah.....	J. A. Wilder, Hubert Collins, A. L. Collins.
5	Blue Mountain, <i>a</i> ..	W. E. Besry, St. Clair Lawrence, S. A. Godwin, J. S. Gillentine, Daniel Gardner.
6	Bluff Springs	W. A. West, J. W. Needham, Judson Cox.
7	Canaan, <i>a</i>	L. M. Bynum, E. T. Doyle, W. W. Aldridge.
8	Chewalla.....	Jim Knox, Marshal Colston, Sister Susie Higden.
9	Clear Creek.....	Not Represented.
10	Curtis Creek, <i>a</i>	J. A. Jordan, J. M. Grisham, W. J. Grisham.
11	Falkner, <i>a</i>	P. W. Caviness, S. O. Welch.
12	Fellowship.....	J. A. Griffin, J. F. Williams.
13	Flat Rock	L. P. Cossitt, T. White, T. H. Gunter, J. M. Welch.
14	Friendship.....	W. D. Wilbanks, A. J. R. Wilbanks.
15	Guyton, <i>a</i>	J. F. Guyton.
16	Harmony.....	J. S. King.
17	Hickory Flat <i>a</i>	Arthur Murray, Marion Graves, B. Ayers.
18	Lebanon.....	B. A. Kitchens, N. W. Johnson.
19	Mt. Moriah.....	Not Represented.
20	Mt. Olive	Z. Smith.
21	New Hope.....	I. E. Belote, J. W. Davis, Daniel Barger.
22	New Macedonia, <i>a</i> .	Joe Wesson.
23	New Prospect.....	J. L. Pittman, G. R. Burton, J. W. Melton.
24	Oaklimiter	J. T. Barnes, C. A. Baker.
25	Oak Grove.....	Sister Mattie Moran.
26	Pine Grove, <i>a</i>	J. J. Hudspeth, W. T. Crump, J. T. Cox.
27	Pleasant Hill, (T).	Not Represented.
28	Pleasant Hill, (B).	W. M. Orman, Arthur Simpson, H. G. Duke, D. C. West.
29	Providence, <i>a</i>	E. Drewry, Jerry Wilbanks.
30	Ripley, <i>a</i>	Tho. Spight, J. A. Norriss, A. J. McIntyre.
31	Shady Grove, (T)..	M. J. Graves, S. W. Pierce, J. R. McInturff.
32	Shady Grove, (U)..	E. S. Gregory.
33	Union <i>a</i>	B. R. Hughey, H. H. Ray, W. D. Lancaster.
34	Unity.....	Not Represented.

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No.	CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	Time of Meeting.	Additions. Diminutions.					Total Mem- bership.		
					By Baptism.	By Letter.	By Restoration.	By Exclusion.	By Death.			
1	Academy	W. E. Berry,	Guyton	Miss	3rd						61	
2	Ashland, a	St. C. Lawrence,	Ashland,		3rd.	6	2	1	3		72	
3	Bethlehem	J. P. Horton.	Ashland,		4th.					3	41	
4	Buelah	J. S. Berry	Myrtle,		1st.		2	1	4		84	
5	Blue Mountain, a	W. T. Lowrey,	Blue Mountain,		2nd & 4th.	17	4	7		1	367	
6	Bluff Springs	J. A. Autry,	Tippah,		2nd.			2	1	2	73	
7	Canaan, a	H. B. Russum,	Canaan,		1st.			3			60	
8	Chewalla	H. B. Russum,	Holly Springs,		4th.	3		1	3	1	37	
9	Clear Creek							2			*56	
10	Curtis Creek, a	J. D. Morton,	Floyd,		3rd.	6	1				45	
11	Falkner, a	E. J. Eubanks,	Falkner,		1st.	9	2	1			87	
12	Fellowship	W. E. Berry,	Clarysville,		2nd.		5			3	115	
13	Flat Rock	L. P. Cossitt,	Hickory Flat,		1st.	9	1	1	6	2	119	
14	Friendship	A. J R Wilbanks,	Ashland,							4	17	
15	Guyton, a	St. C. Lawrence,	Guyton,		1st.	2		1			40	
16	Harmony	W. F. Jeffrey,	Walnut,		2nd.	2	1	2			63	
17	Hickory Flat, a	Wash Smith,	Hickory Flat,		3rd.	3	1		2		58	
18	Lebanon	C W Richardson	Silver Springs,		4th.	1	1		3	2	53	
19	Mt. Moriah		Ripley,		4th.						*53	
20	Mt. Olive	A C Vandiver,	Mitchell,		2nd.	4	1	1		2	67	
21	New Hope	T. R Stroup,	Ashland,		2nd.	1	3		3	1	42	
22	New Macedonia a	L. P. Cossitt,	Blue Mountain,		3rd.		2		1		50	
23	New Prospect	J. P. Horton,	Finger,		2nd.			3	1	2	46	
24	Jaklimiter	J. T. Cox,	Hickory Flat,		4th.	1				1	47	
25	Oak Grove	J. P Horton,	Michigan City,		1st.	1	2				10	
26	Pine Grove, a	J. T. Cox,	Pine Grove,		3rd.	24	3	1	2		104	
27	Pleasant Hill, (T)		Lowrey,		1st.						*55	
28	Pleasant Hill(B)	J. D. Morton,	Ashland,		1st.	9	7	1			56	
29	Providence	B. R. Hughey,	Tiplersville,		2nd.		8	5	2	1	134	
30	Ripley, *	B. R. Hughey,	Ripley,		1st.	2	3	5		3	102	
31	Shady Grove, (T)	L. P Cossitt,	Ripley,		2nd.	7	4	2		1	67	
32	Shady Grove. (U)	J. P Rodgers,	Myrtle,		3rd.						13	
33	Union, a	B. R Hughey,	Chalybeate,		4th.	8		5	1		136	
34	Unity		Grand Junct'n, Tenn.		3rd.						*30	
Totals.						107	66	8	58	19	24	2330

* Number reported last.

a. Having Sunday Schools.

